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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic (Report #283 - As of 7:00 am EDT)

The OAS Commission is continuing consultations with Dominican leaders on the formation of an interim regime but so far neither of the two contending factions has accepted the OAS formula.

Yesterday UN special representative Jose Antonio Mayobre informed the OAS Commission that rebel leader Caamano had told him the proposals, with a few exceptions, seemed generally acceptable.

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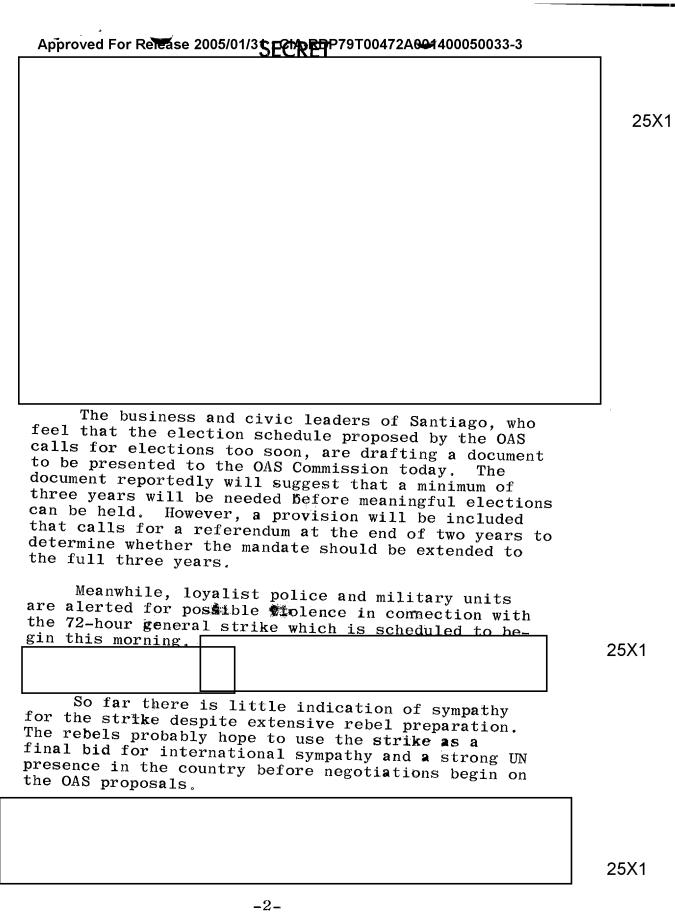
Yesterday morning Caamano stated over the rebel radio that the proposals could "resolve the Dominican political problem peacefully." At the same time he stressed that the proposals were only proposals and not an imposed solution. Caamano took great pains to assure his followers that they would not be betrayed and promised that he would keep them fully informed.

The rebel leader all but admitted having given up hope of a favorable rebel military solution when he said that if he negotiates it will be because the US intervened at the moment when his forces were about to crush the "enemies of democracy."

The extremist-controlled rebel newspaper Patria, which strongly attacked the OAS formula on 19 June, stated yesterday that the Caamano regime was correct in negotiating after the victory over the "Yankee invaders." There still appears to be divisions among the Communists over how to react to the proposals

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